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TRANSPORT OF OPTICAL LINE DATA TO A WIDE/METRO AREA
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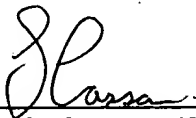
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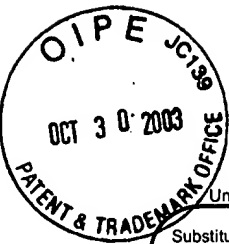
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